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Date: 30 Nov 89 02:01:45 GMT
From: attctc!sampson@ames.arc.nasa.gov (Steve Sampson)
Subject: (#1 in series) Listen to store security guards catch shoplifters
Message-ID: <10411@attctc.Dallas.TX.US>

In article <8773.25738058@stjhmc.fidonet.org>, Jim.Grubs@f1.n234.z1.fidonet.org
(Jim Grubs) writes:

> Part 97, to wit:
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> S 97.113 Prohibited transmissions.
> (a) No amateur station shall transmit any communication the
> purpose of which is to facilitate the business or commercial
> affairs of any party. No station shall transmit communications as
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> 73 de Jim Grubs, W8GRT
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One thing I've found in Ham Radio is that some people like to be Lawyers
for a day. They see not the spirit of a rule, but the printed rule. You
could take any of these rules and mold them to your thinking. In this case
I believe the spirit of the rule is to prohibit my operating a business using
Amateur Radio frequencies. By stretching that to read the way your thinking
is anti-american. The way I operate is to keep a positive Amateur spirit and
reject any attempt to limit my communications unless directed to by the FCC.
Self policing is one thing, stupidity is another. This is a stupid
interpretation, not within the spirit of the rule. As far as the other stuff
with the continuing debate over the right to listen: I vote we confiscate all
receiving devices, or let freedom rule. Piss on your moral problems...

Date: 28 Nov 89 19:35:03 GMT
From: amdcad!diablo!phil@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Phil Ngai)
Subject: A Computing Decision: Apple vs. IBM
Message-ID: <28164@amdcad.AMD.COM>

In article <8911280802.AA18984@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU> KENDALLG@VTVM1.CC.VT.EDU ("Gary F. Kendall") writes:
|I think the Mac is more 'user friendly' but I haven't dabbled
|seriously enough with either system to know what they can really do (I have to
|buy something that my wife can use, too!)

In the very short term the Mac is more friendly (but not perfect) but you have to consider how much money there will be in selling Mac Killers, that is, PCs which have the graphical interface but cost much less. Excel on the PC is quite nice and I have seen Word for Windows already. Lots of people are coming up with icon type enhancements for Windows and of course there's always OS/2. There's all kinds of neat and cheap software for PCs like the geography program called PCGLOBE, \$40.

If you want to run engineering applications, the PC has much much more software available.

Well, Mac lovers, flame away!

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Phil Ngai, phil@diablo.amd.com {uunet,decwrl,ucbvax}!amdcad!phil
AT&T Unix System V.4: Berkeley Unix for 386 PCs!

Date: 30 Nov 89 00:05:35 GMT
From: pilchuck!ssc!tad@uunet.uu.net (Tad Cook)
Subject: Contests
Message-ID: <290@ssc.UUCP>

In article <8911270800.AA22750@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU>, LEY@UWSTOUT.BITNET ("James P. Ley") writes:

> On occasion I hear "CQ Contest" on the air. I do not participate in contests
> myself and wonder whether I should answer the call and give the caller a
> contact or whether I would be a hinderance since I don't know all the numbers
> and things that the testers use and would thus slow him or here down.
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> Any advice from testers?
>
> Jim, NX9F

I would encourage non-contesters to give out a few points in a contest, especially late in the event when many stations are desperate for a little "action". Often you can listen around a bit and figure out if they are exchanging serial numbers or zones, and if calling another station in your country would be appropriate or not.

If you hear someone calling CQ Contest and getting no response, he would probably not mind spending 15 seconds explaining what information you need in an exchange.

73,

Tad Cook
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KT7H @ N7HFZ

Date: 29 Nov 89 14:23:56 GMT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!samsung!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!gem.mps.ohio-state.edu!mips!prls!philabs!briar.philips.com!rfc@ucsd.edu (Robert Casey;6282;3.57;\$0201)
Subject: Prove when first licenses
Message-ID: <69075@philabs.Philips.Com>

You could find some old callbooks from around the time you first got your license and look for your call. That should be fairly good evidence.

73 de WA2ISE

Date: 30 Nov 89 12:06:59 GMT
From: brian@ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor)
Subject: Prove when first licenses
Message-ID: <10252@ucsd.Edu>

The Federal Records Center archives will have your exam and all license application, including renewals, on microfilm. (At least, they did mine!) Be prepared to pay for the search to locate and copy them.
- Brian

Date: Thu, 30 Nov 89 08:54:46 EST
From: bill gunshannon <702WFG%SCRVMSYS.BITNET@CORNELLC.cit.cornell.edu>
Subject: Radio (RF) Modems

I tried this by Email but you can't get there from here. :-)
I hope the rest of the group considers this to be worth posting.

Date: Wed, 29 Nov 89 08:30:11 EST
From: bill gunshannon <702WFG%SCRVMSYS.BITNET@CORNELLC.cit.cornell.edu>
Subject: Radio (RF) Modems
To: "Robert M. Atkins" <att!cbnews!mhgki!rma@ucbvax.berkeley.edu>

Bob,

I have been in touch with the company and received their whole package. The reason they don't mention HAM Radio is because that isn't their target market. They are aimed strictly at the business market. After all, if you read the flyer, you will see that their answer to a TNC (not the PC card) has an RS232 Synchronous Port. How many 3270 terminals do you have sitting around your house??? :-) Interestingly enough, I worked on designing a similar system with a friend who was also in the commercial radio biz about 3 years ago and we were able to build a system the could have sold for \$1000 and did all the same things. Looks like a pretty good markup on their product line.

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Date: 29 Nov 89 19:28:12 GMT
From: pbdmt!dmt@ames.arc.nasa.gov (Dave Turner)
Subject: Restrictions on RECEIVING signals in England....
Message-ID: <1251@pbdmt.PacBell.COM>

In article <3350@cbnewsd.ATT.COM> jmseb@cbnewsd.ATT.COM (john.m.sebeson) writes:
>In reading these various postings on military communications, restrictions
>in the UK, etc., I am reminded of several books I have read that give
>various peeks at the world of SIGINT (signals intelligence). Two popular
>ones are THE PUZZLE PALACE (about the NSA) and SPY CATCHER (about British

Another book on SIGINT is THE SIGINT SECRETS which includes everything on the subject from 1900 to the present. It has some of the same subjects as SPY CATCHER and more.

The book is at home so I can't give the author's name.

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Dave Turner 415/823-2001 {att,bellcore,sun,ames,decwrl}!pacbell!dmt

that is only concerned with it's own motives, not those of the people who formed the government that established them in the first place.

In the military area, the situation is very clear. If the military does not want something heard, it won't be heard. The air operations the gentleman heard are routine transmissions probably related to training and readiness exercises. Again, this is YOUR government working. You have a right to know what's going on. The military is probably the biggest offender when it comes to not telling people anything. Therefore, grab it where you can!

In the final analysis, if you monitor in the privacy (yes, I believe there is such a thing) of your own home, no one is going to hassle you. The ECPA was a law designed to sell cellular telephones. Period. Anything else is incidental. This law is a terrific example of people allowing government too much control. I don't support the ECPA and in fact I have not changed my listening habits one iota. I also do not believe that my monitoring habits are anyone's business.

Finally, let's try to bring this discussion to a close. It's like arguing religion. No one can win. I'll reply to flames or support individually.

"Will the last person to leave East Germany please turn off the lights?"

- Anonymous

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Phenylketonurics: Contains Phenylalanine

Date: 29 Nov 89 14:00:14 GMT
From: spdcc!merk!alliant!linus!raybed2!ewb@husc6.harvard.edu (EUGENE BALINSKI)
Subject: WANTED: Interesting Scanner Frequencies
Message-ID: <1409@raybed2.UUCP>

In article <Nov.28.23.52.47.1989.17575@galaxy.rutgers.edu>,
gubernar@andromeda.rutgers.edu.rutgers.edu (The Lurker) writes:
> Sorry for the National distribution...I don't have a Tri-State distribution...

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> ***** WANTED: INTERESTING SCANNER FREQUENCIES *****
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> Does anybody in net-land have any interesting frequencies
> for the Metro NY/NJ/CT Area? I have a frequency guide, but
> I want to find something different to listen to besides police,
> fire, ambulance, etc. Any info would be appreciated.
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> 73
> John D. Gubernard
> N2JSH

For all those located in the North East region of the USA (actually from Virginia north to Maine) there exists an organization of dedicated scanner enthusiasts which publish a monthly news bulletin. It is called "North-East Scanning News." It is published by Les Mattson 212 West Broad St. Paulsboro, New Jersey. 08066. This is a great source of new frequencies and information about all areas in the east. The newsletter is broken down by state and by monthly theme. This months issue is has a coast guard theme but it is not limited to just cg info. As an exapmle, the connecticut author published an update of all the conn fire freqs. I was amazed at the changes. Also people submitt their own freq lists with info on all sorts of radio useage. I can't say enough about this publication. Cost is \$2.00 per issue or a subscription rate of \$24.00/yr. If you have a scanner in the east you owe it to yourself to subscribe to this publication. Send Les \$2.00 for a sample. You will like it....

73
Gene WA1UXA

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